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## WEST VIRGINIA VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF 2005 CROPS

**WEST VIRGINIA -- Corn for grain** value of production totaled \$6.1 million in 2005, a 27 percent decrease from 2004. The marketing year average price received per bushel for corn was \$2.00, down 20 cents from 2004.

**Tobacco** value of production totaled \$1.05 million, down 68 percent from 2004. The average price received per pound for tobacco was \$1.55, down 42 cents from 2004.

The value of **winter wheat** production in 2005 was \$915 thousand, a 16 percent increase from the 2004 crop. Growers received an average of \$3.05 per bushel for the 2005 crop, up 1 cent from 2004.

**Soybeans** value of production totaled \$3.2 million, a 27 percent decrease from 2004. The average price received per bushel for soybeans was \$5.45. This was up 11 cents from the 2004 average price.

The value of **all hay** production totaled \$65.5 million in 2005, slightly more than 2004. The average price received per ton was \$61.00, 50 cents less than the 2004 average price.

The value of **alfalfa hay** production totaled \$10.1 million in 2005, 7 percent less than 2004. The average price received per ton was \$103.00, \$3.00 more than the 2004 average price.

The value of all **other hay** production totaled \$55.4 million in 2005, 2 percent more than 2004. The average price received per ton was \$57.00, the same as the 2004 average price.

The 2005 **total value of production of principal crops** (including fruits) was \$88.5 million, down 4 percent from the 2004 value of \$92.1 million, and down 2 percent from the 2003 value of \$90.7 million.

## UNITED STATES VALUE AND MARKETING YEAR AVERAGE PRICE WITH 2004 COMPARISONS

- Corn for grain value of production - \$21.04 billion, down 14 percent; \$1.90 per bushel, down 16 cents.
- Tobacco value of production - \$1.05 billion, down 40 percent; \$1.647 per pound, down 34 cents.
- Winter wheat value of production - \$4.92 billion, down slightly; \$3.30 per bushel, down 2 cents.
- Soybeans value of production - \$16.93 billion, down 5 percent, \$5.50 per bushel, down 24 cents.
- All hay value of production - \$12.49 billion, up 2 percent; \$98.00 per ton, up \$6.00.
- Alfalfa hay value of production - \$7.32 billion, up 5 percent; \$106.00 per ton, up \$7.40.
- Other hay value of production - \$5.17 billion, down 1 percent; \$76.00 per ton, up \$1.40.
- All crops (including fruits, nuts and vegetables) value of production - \$76.78 billion, down 5 percent.

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